giving him leave to retire to his old cive, and abjuring desolations and mouinmg to the frozen seas and deserts of Arabia Petrosa Amongst the shows there presented was a conference between a gentleman usher and a post, pretending to deliver letters from the Emperor of China At her departure yesterday she knighted Mr Robert Cecil, the Treasuier's younger son, whom some expected to be advanced to the Secretaryship , but in the Couit it is said that the knighthood must serve for both

RUMOURS

It is rumoured that Sir John Norns has entered Brittany, taking an island near St Malo, and has joined with the Prince de Dombes' forces , and that 20 Spanish ships are off Cornwall The Earl of Cumberland has sailed out from Plymouth to meet them with his ships 1500 men are to go to Ireland, whither these ships are suspected of going, and 1500 more to be taken from Brittany , Sir Walter Ralegh posts down to Cornwall The Queen is much moved with this news, and was very melancholy at the Lord Treasurer's In Scotland witches are discovered that, with the privity of Bothwell, have practised the King's death

May DR GERVASE BABINGTON'S SERMON. Dr Gervase Babmgton, Bishop of Llandaff, preached before the Court at Greenwich on the Second of Kings, the fifth chapter , he compared the Lords of Council to the servants of Naaman, advising him for the best though it were to their own hurt And speaking of the present discontents in religion, [c] Woe is me to speak it/ quoth he, * some of us cry, and too many of us cry instead of this, " No church, no sacraments, no ministers, no discipline at all " ; and therefore

we must leave
all open assemblies in this land, and combine ourselves together
to erect a form according to our wills, in woods, in fields, in
holes and corners where we can Yea, with more woe I speak
it, some fear not to write, " Pharaoh of Egypt gave the Israelites
leave to worship God truly, but our magistrates, IF they should
give us leave, yet could we not be suffered for such and such."
Making an IF after these infinite mercies poured upon us by
God, in the gracious government we live under, and casting the